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Subject: PSIO SITREP UPDATE #8 – 6 Feb 2022 – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Activity

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ONLY: SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SITUATION DEVELOPS. INFORMATION MAY BE BASED ON UNCONFIRMED REPORTING.

UPDATE #8

DATE/TIME: February 6, 2022 @ 1800 hrs

PURPOSE: To provide aggregated situational awareness regarding "Freedom Convoy" solidarity activity impacting Alberta.

BACKGROUND: No Change

CURRENT STATUS:

Coutts Border Crossing

- Early afternoon reported indicated there has not been any significant changes to vehicle numbers. Additional members of the Freedom 2022 group who indicated they would leave were supposed to do so at 13:00hrs. [unclear whether this occurred]
- No further updates available at this time.

Alberta Legislature / McDougall Centre

- No reportable activity in plaza or Legislature campus on Sun 6 Feb.
- Gov. Centre Roadblocks have collapsed. Sheriffs operations concluded for the day.
- No incidents or enforcement by Sheriffs.

City of Edmonton & Environs

- A small convoy occurred Sun 6 Feb with very little disruption. EPS traffic members attended Acheson at the gathering location to observe the number of vehicles staging, and assisted with traffic control on 109st. One member from EPS traffic spoke to a convoy person who stated they were going to CTV, Global and then the Mayor's residence. CTV had their own security at

the parking lot gate. Only 12 vehicles came by and did 5 loops of CTV, each loop dropping off convoy vehicles. No other disruptions noted.
- Mayor SOHI was not at his residence for the afternoon. Security watch was in place.

City of Calgary & Environs

- The 'Foothills Freedom Slow-Roll' in Okotoks did occur. Approximately 100 vehicles, including trucks, tractors and passenger vehicles were involved. Remained in areas as planned.

Regional Municipalities / Rural

- No reported activity.

Ottawa "Freedom Convoy 2022"

- Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson declared a state of emergency on 6 Feb for the City of Ottawa due to the ongoing demonstration.
- The social media tag [#GoHomeConvoy] is now trending amongst convoy opposition elements.

Other Provinces / National

- Media reports indicate most protestors in Quebec City had dispersed as of 17:00 local time Sun 6 Feb ess than 12 trucks remained on the streets.
- Media reports indicate that only a handful of protesters and no trucks in Toronto on Sun 6 Feb.
- Halifax police reported hundreds of vehicles made their way through the downtown core on Sun 6 Feb.
- Ontario Provincial Police reported closure of ramps to Hwy 402 were closed due to a solidarity protest in Sarnia on Sun 6 Feb; causing delays at the Canada-U.S. Blue Water Bridge border crossing.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Justice & Solicitor General (JSG):

- No change.

Transportation (TRANS):

- Crossings at other ports are continuing smoothly with no reports of delay.
- The Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA) and the American Tricking Associations (ATA) are involved with the US CBP and the CBSA on the ports and hours of opening. ATA leads collaboration with the US CBP and engages AMTA.
- At 10:45 hrs 6 Feb, the City of Lethbridge ECC deactivated and will reconvene tomorrow at 10:00 hrs in anticipation of demonstration activity.

Municipal Affairs:

- No change.

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation (JEI):

- No change

Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development (AFRED):

- No change

ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Province-wide 'Freedom Convoy' Solidarity Activity outside of Coutts area appears to have been negligible on 6 Feb.
- Aggregate activity has remained peaceful throughout weekend of 5/6 Feb.
- Coutts site and Check Point 10 continue to main area of activity.
- General optimism regarding progress on mandate grievance during upcoming business week appears to be circulating in protest networks.

FORECAST:

- Localized support is likely to continue to generate a daily presence at Check Point 10; however, numbers are likely to decay noticeably during weekdays.
- While opportunist pop-up slow-roll activities may occur throughout the province, such activities are likely to be small and short-lived.
- Activist networks are unlikely to commence planning for potential activities on weekend of 11-13 Feb for at least 48 hrs. Level of future activity is likely to be contingent on policy developments public health measures. General protest fatigue will likely cause decay in scope of future actions.

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